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HAD TO FIND A SCAPEGOAT.

A Tribune's St. Paul special sends the following: "A well informed ex-railroad man of St. Paul says: 'I was Christmas without in the least violain New York this fall, after the re- ting his religious convictions. turn of Villard, and from friends asserts that the 25th of December there on the Northern Pacific learned was celebrated by the pagan world as that it had been decided that Villard the time when the longest night gives must step down and out by the 1st of may to the lengthening of the day, January, 1884. Drexel, Morgan & and that the early Christian church, of Philadelphia, are and were inimical to him in the sense that they must find a scapegoat, and he was tury the pagan festival, transferting its chosen. You see, Drexel, Morgan & celebration of Christ's birth to De-Co. stand in the same position to the gember. Moreover, the Maccabean Co. stand in the same position to the demoter. Moreover, the Maccadean Northern Pacific that Jay Gould once priests instituted a festival on the did, except in the important particular that the road is completed and is Jawish month, to take the place of not bankrapt. They staked their this pagan feast, when they had by reputation, as it were, on their abil-ity to make its stock reach par. and succeeded, as you know, only to see it, to their intense mortification, fall lower and lower, until, to give round upon Christmas, adding with the gennumbers, preferred Northern Pacific sank to 50, common to 25, and Oregon Jewish children may thus learn by Transcontinental, which cost its possessors 83 cents in hard cash, went work of the great Nazarene and the down below 50. Their chagrin was deep, as was natural, and as I have said, a scapegoat being necessary said, a scapegoat being necessary, Villard was selected to play the part. He will not be president of the North-ern Pacific on New Year's Day, 1884. I have no doubt whatever, that the could never have been enlisted in the fall of ten points in Northern Pacific service of the true God, whom they after Villard had started on his famous excursion was engineered by through the instrumentality of the Drexel, Morgan & Co. They were Christian church." bears for a time, but started a down ward rush that they could not check, and in hurting Villard they also French half-breed named Thomas hurt their own property far more Gerrand, shot and instantly killed a hurt their own property far more Gerrand, shot and instantly killed a than they had believed possible. White man named T. H. Hubbard, be-Frederick Billings has never recovered from his mortification at beconvicted of murder in the first deered from his mortification at being ousted by Villard and he has ing ousted by Villard and he has gree and sentenced to be hanged knifed the latter constantly. He the case was appealed to the supremental to the was kept accurately posted as to all court and a new trial was granted, the movements and interests of the but Gerrand was again convicted of management, and has consequently murder in the first degree. A gallows been in a position to do great harm. was creeted, but at the last moment In his course he has been aided by George V. Sims, formerly his private secretary, but later that of Oakes. It is also known in New York that Oakes in heavy leaves the week that prison over nine years, but has been on the secretary of the secre Oakes is a heavy loser through the stock depression. He has lost all his accumulations, in fact, and, as I happen to know, was exceedingly nervous about his position last October believing that he would accompany Villard into the outer world. many more of the present Northern Pacific officials are heavy losers I don't pretend to know."

How Salmon Eggs Are Obtained,

The work of stripping begins dur-ing the latter part of October and is continued until all the fish have been operated upon. The Portland (Me.) correspondent of the Boston Journal says that the fish when wanted are taken from the water in a dip net, and their condition readily ascertained by gently pressing the abdomen just back of the pectoral fin. If the ova are ripe they will be felt like so the breakers at Crescent City on the she is returned to the water a few were drowned. days longer. After the ova has been deposited the milt is obtained from male in the same manner, and immediately after falling upon the ova it diffuses itself among them. causing them to at once individualize and grow harder, till within two hours they will be as hard as unripe peas and perfectly globular in form. At once after this fertilizing process the ova are washed several times in cold water, and then set away in cold water for a couple of hours, that all impurities may be removed. The number of eggs obtained from each fish varies from 2,000 to 20,000, the latter number having been obtained this season from a 44-inch salmon. estimated to be a dozen or more years old, and about as old as any are ever obtained for spawning purposes, as the ages of such fish are estimated to be from four to fourteen years. At the expiration of the two hours mentioned above the ova are prepared for the hatching troughs by being placed upon the wire screens with meshes about an eighth of an inch square. These screens are inclosed in frames a foot square, and thick enough to allow a half inch of water to flow beneath each one, to assist which an eighth of an inch of an inch is removed from the bottom of each of the four sides for threefourths of their length. Ten of these hatching frames are then placed above each other in a skeleton frame to form a "nest," and the whole then deposited in the hatching troughs of a depth and width just sufficient to contain a row of these nests, after which the water is turned on and a steady flow maintained through the trough till the latter part of January, when the ova will have developed as much as it is safe to allow before distribution among the several states, under whose care they are finally hatched and disposed as desired.

When a citizen of Sault Ste. Marie Mich., wishes to send a letter to a friend in the opposite village on the Canadian side of the river, he directs it, prepaying the postage, and puts it in the post office on the American side; then, in order to reach the post office on the Canadian side, which is about one mile distant, the letter goes to Detroit through the United States mails, crosses the Detroit to Windson where it enters the Canadian mails, and is sent over Canadian routes back to the Sault, reaching the Canadian office in about ten days from the time it started ten days to go one mile. But when one is in a hurry he goes across the river himself; he doesn't write. This is something after the style of certain mail service in this section, where it frequently takes a newspaper three days to reach a post office six miles away.

South Carolina legislature to regulate di vorces, Senator Henderson said in debate recently that South Carolina is the only state in the Union that has no divorces laws. Later the bill was defeated, and the state still remains without a divorce lev

Jewish Observance of Christmas.

Rabbi Sonneschein of St. Louis delearn to worship and to obey so much

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A firm at Danville, Va., published the following in a local paper a few days after the election riot: "Individuals and firms borrowed guns and pistols of us during the evening of the riot. Some of them failed to return them, and it was impossible in the rush for firearms to take a memo randum of the names of all parties. We call upon our friends to refresh their memories and examine their premises, and if they should find any property of the kind here advertised not returned or properly accounted for, to attend to the matter at once."

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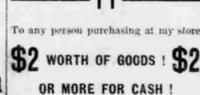
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